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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1714

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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0092.00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Luigi MIGLIARINI et al. )  
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Application Serial No. 09/884,060 ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
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Filed: June 20, 2001 ) Examiner: Cain, E.  
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For: TIRE FOR VEHICLES HAVING ) Confirmation No.: 2904  
A HIGH WEAR RESISTANCE )  
AND VULCANIZABLE )  
RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR )  
MAKING THE SAME )

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action dated May 18, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants respectfully request that this application be amended in the manner set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.